

Charles S. Putnam to be postmaster at Conneaut, in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio, in place of Charles S. Putnam. Incumbent's commission expired December 12, 1903.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Charles W. Huy to be postmaster at Schuylkill Haven, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, in place of Irving W. Tyson. Incumbent's commission expires December 19, 1903.

## CONFIRMATIONS.

*Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 18, 1903.*

## DISTRICT POLICE COURT JUDGE.

Ivory G. Kimball, of the District of Columbia, to be judge of the police court of the District of Columbia.

## COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS.

I. Snowden Haines, of New Jersey, to be collector of customs for the district of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey.

John A. Thornton, of Louisiana, to be collector of customs for the district of Teche, in the State of Louisiana.

## SURVEYOR OF CUSTOMS.

Charles J. Robb, of Indiana, to be surveyor of customs for the port of Michigan City, in the State of Indiana.

## POSTMASTERS.

## ALABAMA.

Wiley F. Kennamer to be postmaster at Demopolis, in the county of Marengo and State of Alabama.

Theophilus G. Fowler to be postmaster at Uniontown, in the county of Perry and State of Alabama.

## MISSOURI.

Edward W. Flentge to be postmaster at Cape Girardeau, in the State of Missouri.

## NEBRASKA.

James McNally to be postmaster at Edgar, in the county of Clay and State of Nebraska.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Prescott B. Kinsman to be postmaster at Somersworth, in the county of Strafford and State of New Hampshire.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

Hans A. Alm to be postmaster at Hankinson, in the county of Richland and State of North Dakota.

J. L. Killion to be postmaster at Towner, in the county of McHenry and State of North Dakota.

Mathew Lynch to be postmaster at Lidgerwood, in the county of Richland and State of North Dakota.

## RHODE ISLAND.

John A. Allen to be postmaster at Peace Dale, in the county of Washington and State of Rhode Island.

William M. Gorham to be postmaster at Bristol, in the county of Bristol and State of Rhode Island.

Benjamin B. Martin to be postmaster at Warren, in the county of Bristol and State of Rhode Island.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

O. H. La Craft to be postmaster at Clark, in the county of Clark and State of South Dakota.

William T. Ellis to be postmaster at Salem, in the county of McCook and State of South Dakota.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

*SATURDAY, December 19, 1903.*

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read.

The SPEAKER. It is the duty of the Chair to call the attention of the House to the fact that the vote yesterday on ordering the previous question upon the resolution reported by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WANGER] was incorrectly reported. The yeas were reported as being 108 and the nays 107. A correct count afterwards shows that the yeas were 107 and the nays 107—a tie vote. Therefore the motion upon ordering the previous question was lost. Without objection, the Journal will be amended in accordance with the facts, and all proceedings touching this resolution had subsequent to that erroneous announcement will be vacated. [After a pause.] The Chair hears no objection. The question now is upon the approval of the Journal as amended. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none, and the Journal is so approved.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. PLATT, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles; in which the concurrence of the House was requested:

S. 2218. An act granting an increase of pension to Amanda B. Tisdell;

S. 7. An act granting an increase of pension to Alfred Woodman;

S. 6. An act granting a pension to Cora M. Converse;

S. 8. An act granting an increase of pension to John Perry Kittridge;

S. 547. An act granting an increase of pension to Irving W. Coombs;

S. 1334. An act granting a pension to Amy C. Bosworth;

S. 1335. An act granting an increase of pension to Calvin Daws;

S. 13. An act granting an increase of pension to William Clark;

S. 1498. An act granting an increase of pension to Winslow P. Eayrs;

S. 137. An act granting a pension to Hannah Kelly;

S. 898. An act granting an increase of pension to John B. Carter;

S. 1705. An act granting a pension to Esther G. Wharton;

S. 1772. An act granting an increase of pension to Louise K. Bard;

S. 1497. An act granting an increase of pension to Walter F. Chase;

S. 172. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth McClaren;

S. 11. An act granting a pension to John L. Sullivan;

S. 9. An act granting an increase of pension to David E. Burbank;

S. 1913. An act granting an increase of pension to Lorenzo E. Harrison;

S. 1826. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary E. Cutts;

S. 1756. An act granting an increase of pension to Zebedee M. Cushman;

S. 471. An act granting an increase of pension to Silas Meserve;

S. 473. An act granting an increase of pension to Byron D. Babcock;

S. 549. An act granting an increase of pension to Stephen Thomas;

S. 798. An act granting an increase of pension to James A. Templeton;

S. 1259. An act granting an increase of pension to John M. Stanyan;

S. 565. An act granting an increase of pension to James E. Barnard;

S. 190. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Bell;

S. 478. An act granting an increase of pension to Olive J. Bailey;

S. 12. An act granting an increase of pension to Francis E. Chase;

S. 112. An act granting an increase of pension to Henry G. Hammond;

S. 1825. An act granting a pension to Josephine L. Webber;

S. 1819. An act granting a pension to Charles P. Skinner;

S. 182. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles F. Holt;

S. 1755. An act granting an increase of pension to Thomas Banks;

S. 484. An act granting a pension to Nancy Marsh;

S. 14. An act granting an increase of pension to Samuel M. Perry;

S. 1827. An act granting an increase of pension to Harris A. P. Lewis;

S. 339. An act granting an increase of pension to Ebenezer H. Richardson;

S. 338. An act granting an increase of pension to Jane M. Watt;

S. 1832. An act granting an increase of pension to George W. Herron;

S. 847. An act granting a pension to John L. Beveridge;

S. 1402. An act granting an increase of pension to William Paul;

S. 2125. An act granting an increase of pension to Marcus T. Caswell;

S. 959. An act granting an increase of pension to Andrew C. Ranard;

S. 1491. An act granting an increase of pension to James A. Hoover;

S. 200. An act granting an increase of pension to Austin Almy;

S. 578. An act granting an increase of pension to John Bullamore;

S. 2078. An act granting an increase of pension to Hampton C. Watson;

S. 1952. An act granting an increase of pension to John Monahan;

S. 1437. An act granting an increase of pension to Clarence E. Bullard;

S. 458. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles Beattie;

S. 589. An act granting an increase of pension to George W. McMullen;

S. 1543. An act granting an increase of pension to William W. Jackson;

S. 555. An act granting an increase of pension to Royal A. S. Kingsley;

S. 937. An act granting an increase of pension to Rudolph Siebelist;

S. 452. An act granting an increase of pension to Albert W. Bullock;

S. 586. An act granting a pension to Annie H. Zoll;

S. 451. An act granting an increase of pension to William T. Conant;

S. 930. An act granting an increase of pension to Ferdinand Wiedemann;

S. 929. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles Stermer;

S. 745. An act granting a pension to John Swenson;

S. 456. An act granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Pierce;

S. 587. An act granting an increase of pension to Anson P. Williamson;

S. 744. An act granting an increase of pension to Stephen Gascoigne;

S. 1929. An act granting an increase of pension to George W. Spahr;

S. 215. An act granting a pension to Mary D. Perry;

S. 1429. An act granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth C. Paquin;

S. 821. An act granting an increase of pension to W. Neil Denison;

S. 99. An act granting an increase of pension to Joel C. Shepherd;

S. 65. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles R. Allen;

S. 78. An act granting a pension to E. C. Curtis;

S. 367. An act granting an increase of pension to George W. Richardson;

S. 368. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles M. Wilcox;

S. 1559. An act granting an increase of pension to Marie A. Rask;

S. 1652. An act granting an increase of pension to Minerva A. McMillan;

S. 1704. An act granting an increase of pension to Lucretia Ritchart;

S. 814. An act granting a pension to Mamie H. Thayer;

S. 1985. An act granting an increase of pension to Jonathan Hites;

S. 1984. An act granting an increase of pension to Levi Roberts;

S. 1604. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary A. Bishop;

S. 1206. An act granting a pension to Mary McLaughlin;

S. 2319. An act to provide for the construction of a light-house and fog signal at Diamond Shoal, on the coast of North Carolina at Cape Hatteras; and

S. 1496. An act supplemental to the act of February 9, 1821, incorporating the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, and the acts amendatory thereof.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed without amendment joint resolution of the following title:

H. J. Res. 64. Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to permit the erection of certain poles and overhead wires in connection with the work of eliminating grade crossings in the city of Washington.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House of Representatives by Mr. BARNES, one of his secretaries.

#### SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, Senate bills and resolutions of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and referred to their appropriate committees as indicated below:

S. 39. An act in regard to a monumental column to commemorate the battle of Princeton, and appropriating \$30,000 therefor—to the Committee on the Library.

S. 1344. An act to quiet certain land titles in the State of Mississippi—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

S. 1656. An act to provide for the purchase of land for a military post at or near Columbus, Ohio—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

S. 2323. An act relating to ceded lands on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

S. 2685. An act to amend an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of additional light-house districts," approved

July 26, 1886—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

#### Senate concurrent resolution No. 26:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring).* That under the direction of the Librarian of Congress there be printed and bound in cloth 7,000 copies of the records of the Virginia Company, of London, now in the custody of the Library of Congress, 500 copies for the Senate, 1,500 copies for the House of Representatives, and 5,000 copies for use and distribution by the Library of Congress—

to the Committee on Printing.

#### Senate concurrent resolution No. 30:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of Shallotte River, North Carolina, from the bar at the mouth of said river to the town of Shallotte, in Brunswick County, said State, with a view of dredging, cleaning out, and widening the channel, and to submit a plan and estimate for such improvement—

to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

#### Senate concurrent resolution No. 28:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause an examination and survey to be made of the channel from deep water in Hampton Roads to the Norfolk Navy-Yard, with a view to widening and straightening the same and increasing the depth thereof to 35 feet, and to submit estimates for such improvement to that depth; and also estimates for such improvement to a depth of 30 feet—

to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

#### Senate concurrent resolution No. 27:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of the South Branch of the Penobscot River near Frankfort, Me., with a view to submit a plan and estimate for such improvement—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

#### Senate concurrent resolution No. 15:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of the harbor of St. Petersburg, on Tampa Bay, in Florida, with a view to securing an adequate basin at said point for loading ocean-going vessels, with a channel 200 feet in width and 24 feet in depth from said basin to the main ship channel in Tampa Bay—

to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

#### PRINTING ILLUSTRATIONS OF HOUSE DOCUMENTS.

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks unanimous consent that the printing of illustrations of the following documents be granted by the House.

The Clerk read as follows:

House Document No. 112, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Survey of Quincy Harbor and Bay, Illinois.

House Document No. 119, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Survey of South Haven Harbor, Michigan.

House Document No. 120, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Survey of Memominee, Milwaukee, and Kinnickinnic rivers, Wisconsin.

House Document No. 121, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Examination of Newport Harbor, Rhode Island.

House Document No. 122, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Survey of Huron Harbor, Ohio.

House Document No. 123, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Survey of Shrewsbury River, New Jersey.

House Document No. 158, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Yaquina Bay, Oregon.

House Document No. 159, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Club and Plantation creeks, Georgia.

House Document No. 160, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Channel in Detroit River, Michigan.

House Document No. 161, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Marquette Harbor, Michigan.

House Document No. 162, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Little Harbor, Woods Hole, Mass.

House Document No. 163, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Snohomish River, Washington.

House Document No. 164, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Survey of Weepectet Rock, Massachusetts.

House Document No. 165, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Gladstone Harbor, Michigan.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it will be so ordered.

There was no objection.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which, with the accompanying papers, was ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I transmit, for the information of the Congress in connection with the correspondence already transmitted relating to the recent revolution on the Isthmus of Panama, and contained in House Document No. 8, Fifty-eighth Congress, first session, parts 1 and 2, a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying papers, concerning the convention between the United States and Colombia for the construction of an interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, December 18, 1903.

#### POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, the previous question on the resolution of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WANGER] having been voted down, his resolution is now open for amendment under the rules of the House. I therefore

offer as a substitute the following, which I will send to the desk and ask to have read.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster-General be, and is hereby, requested to transmit to the House of Representatives all the papers and evidence touching the investigations of alleged frauds and irregularities in the Post-Office Department and postal service.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, in support of that resolution, I desire to be heard very briefly, because I have been heard already substantially upon the question. The substitute explains itself to those who have listened to it. It is the expression of a desire on my part, which I believe is entertained by the country, that all of the evidence in connection with the alleged irregularities and frauds in the Post-Office Department go to the House, and through the House should go to the country as public documents.

Mr. TAWNEY. Will the gentleman permit a question?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Yes.

Mr. TAWNEY. As I understand the gentleman's resolution, it would require sending and making public information which the Department of Justice requests should not be made public until the trial has been had of those who have been indicted for these frauds, on the ground that it would embarrass the prosecution of those cases. The resolution of the gentleman would call for that information, would it not?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I think the gentleman is mistaken. My resolution is addressed to the Postmaster-General and not to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice has certain evidence which has not gone to the Post-Office Department.

That is not called for by the resolution. I call simply for all of the testimony which the Postmaster-General has in connection with these irregularities and frauds.

The secret service, as I understand it—I may be mistaken about the fact—

Mr. TAWNEY. The gentleman is mistaken.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. But, unless I am mistaken, the secret service in the Department of Justice has certain testimony and certain proceedings that have not been reported by the Postmaster-General.

Mr. COWHERD. I think my friend is mistaken with regard to that.

Mr. TAWNEY. The gentleman is mistaken in that statement.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I do not think I am.

Mr. TAWNEY. The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COWHERD], a member of the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, I think, knows the fact and I would like to have him state it.

Mr. COWHERD. I would like to suggest to the gentleman from Mississippi that, if I understand it, this investigation was made entirely by the Post-Office Department through the post-office inspectors, and the information that was gathered, the vouchers, and things of that kind, were gathered by the inspectors and are held in the Post-Office Department.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Then, Mr. Speaker, I wish to amend the resolution, and I will ask the Clerk to take down the amendment:

Except such testimony as in the opinion of the Postmaster-General would defeat the ends of justice.

Mr. TAWNEY. That then leaves your resolution, so far as the effect of it is concerned, identically the same as the resolution of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WANGER] that was adopted yesterday.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Oh, no; his resolution merely sent certain information to a committee, and gives each Member of the House about six or seven copies. I want this testimony to go through the House to the country, and I want it to come in voluminous style, just all of it that we can spread.

Mr. TAWNEY. I will ask the gentleman from Mississippi if it is not competent for the House now to publish as a document the report that has already been made to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. That would be competent, but I am attacking this matter directly and not indirectly; and in addition to that I want this resolution passed, because, while it may not be true, it has at any rate been charged that the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General was subsequently edited. Now, I understand from the gentleman from Indiana that that charge is a mistake. If it is a mistake, why then we will get the identical report. If it is not, we will get a different report.

Mr. TAWNEY. The substance of the report has already gone to the country through the Associated Press, has it not?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Oh, no.

Mr. TAWNEY. Not the evidence.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. There is a general outline

statement that a great many frauds and irregularities have existed. That statement has gone to the country.

Mr. TAWNEY. Not the evidence, but the substance of the Bristow report.

Mr. BURLERSON. About one-thousandth part of it.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. The general fact as to certain frauds and irregularities has gone to the country, connecting certain people with those frauds and irregularities in a very indefinite way. There are other people connected with this matter who have not been directly attacked and brought to light, but the fact will bring them to light, and I want the country to see it.

Mr. BURGESS. If the gentleman from Mississippi will permit me—

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Yes.

Mr. BURGESS. I should like to make this suggestion. I do not understand as a lawyer how the purpose of the Government in these prosecutions can be subverted by the secrecy of the facts that exist in the Department, for this reason: If these men who have been indicted are innocent, they are entitled to know the facts. If they are guilty they must know them already, and the country should know them. How can the secrecy of these papers developed in this investigation aid the Government in its prosecution of thieves, if there be such, for they know the facts already, if they are guilty?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I appreciate what the gentleman from Texas says; but I understand that now and then certain information might put a criminal on notice and enable him to get out of the way of justice—flee the country, or do something of that kind. I do not want to defeat the ends of justice in any way.

Mr. COWHERD. Before my friend yields the floor, I should like to know if he will yield to me about five minutes?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I want to keep control of the situation; that is all.

Mr. DALZELL. Mr. Speaker, let us have the resolution read as amended.

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been read, but it can be read again by unanimous consent.

Mr. DALZELL. As amended.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resolution will be read as amended by the gentleman from Mississippi.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to the House of Representatives all the papers and evidence touching the investigation of all alleged frauds and irregularities in the Post-Office Department and postal service, except such testimony as, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, would defeat the ends of justice.

The SPEAKER. This is offered as a substitute for the pending resolution, as the Chair understands it.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I find that by an awkwardness of expression I have incorporated in the amendment "such as in the opinion of the Postmaster-General." I mean, of course, "in the opinion of the Attorney-General."

The SPEAKER. The gentleman amends his amendment by substituting the words "Attorney-General" for the words "Postmaster-General."

Mr. PAYNE. I want to say to the gentleman that I see not the slightest objection to that. It simply gives the House what they already have.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. What the House already has not; but if the gentleman has no objection to it, this will be the most amicable fracas we have ever had.

Mr. PAYNE. If the gentleman has completed his speech, I think we can pass it unanimously.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Reserving my time, I want to yield five minutes to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COWHERD], and immediately after that, five minutes to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. HAY].

Mr. COWHERD. Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the chairman of the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, I should like to make a short statement to the House as to the present situation of this matter. It seems to me that there has been an endeavor to create the impression, or at least a belief seems to exist in certain quarters, that the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads had been attempting to suppress this information. I want to say for the chairman of the committee that it was on his resolution, in the first instance, that the House asked a reference of these papers to that committee, and it was his statement in the committee that they should be given the widest publicity possible.

But, Mr. Speaker, we did not know what actually might be in those papers. We did not know the position the Department would take about publishing the matter. In connection with the interest of justice, and that we might not in any way hamper that Department, we desired that the committee might have an opportunity to go through the papers furnished before demanding that absolutely all papers should be published. The intention, I know, on the part of the minority, and the intention on the part of the

majority of that committee (and I give them credit for equal candor and fairness) was that nothing should be kept back, but that all should be published. Nothing was attempted to be covered up, and that committee gave to this House all the information furnished by the Postmaster-General.

By the passage of the resolution of the gentleman from Mississippi the House will get the same papers that the Post-Office Committee has already obtained, in the printing of which that committee, in the endeavor to put the matter fully and fairly before the country and the House, has already expended almost to the full extent the sum they are authorized to use for printing under the general resolution of the House, and they have divided these publications with every Member of this House.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I want to suggest to the gentleman that it has been reported, as shown by portions of the report of Messrs. Bonaparte and Conrad, that certain things had been covered up, especially in connection with Mr. Perry Heath.

Mr. COWHERD. I have read that report.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. If that is true, then under this resolution we will get the truth about Mr. Heath.

Mr. COWHERD. I think the gentleman from Mississippi misunderstands the report as published in the newspapers. I understand the report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte to be on the action of the Post-Office Department on the Tulloch charges, where, it was said, there was an attempt to cover up something in regard to Mr. Heath. I do not understand that report to say that the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow as printed, covering about 400 pages, was in any way an attempt to cover up anything in regard to that gentleman or anybody else. My impression is, if the gentleman will examine that report which is found in the newspaper accounts, he will see that the covering up referred to was the act of the Postmaster-General in refusing to investigate the Tulloch charges.

I see no objection to the resolution of the gentleman. It will simply give the House more copies to distribute, and for my part I think they ought to be distributed widely and put in the hands of everybody that cares to look into the matter. What I do object to is what appears to be a belief that is expressed that the Post-Office Committee, either the majority or the minority, have attempted in this matter to cover up or keep anything from the public or from the House.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Well, I must say to the gentleman that I have never had any such idea.

Mr. COWHERD. I think the House had, from some talk I have heard on the floor.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I certainly would feel very much hurt if the gentleman thought I think so. I yield five minutes to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. HAY] for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. SPERRY. Will the gentleman allow me?

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman yield to the gentleman from Connecticut?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. How much time does the gentleman want?

Mr. SPERRY. Just a minute.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. SPERRY. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I concur fully in the statements made by the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COWHERD]. I believe he gave clearly and succinctly just what took place in the Post-Office Committee. I agree with him entirely that that was the course which we pursued.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Now, Mr. Speaker, I yield five minutes to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. HAY].

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, I desired to get the floor for the purpose of offering an amendment as a substitute for the one offered by the gentleman from Mississippi. The gentleman from Mississippi declines to yield for that purpose, and therefore I have nothing to say.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, if no one wishes to be heard further, I ask for the previous question.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER. The question now is on the amendment, in the nature of a substitute, offered by the gentleman from Mississippi.

The question was taken; and the amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The question now is on agreeing to the resolution as amended.

The question was taken; and the resolution as amended was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi, a motion to reconsider the last vote was laid on the table.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.) the House, under its previous order, adjourned until Monday, January 4, 1904, at 12 o'clock meridian.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, the following executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting estimates of appropriations required by the several Departments of the Government to complete the service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, and prior years, and for the postal service, payable from the postal revenues—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of State, asking authority to deliver to certain officers of the United States decorations and other things presented or conferred by foreign governments—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting additional estimates of appropriations for service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905—to the Committees on Appropriations and Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting a deficiency estimate of appropriation for reimbursement of the government of the Philippine Islands—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting papers relating to the claim of J. W. Webster—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Frederick S. Corbett and Henry C. Corbett, administrators of estate of Sewell B. Corbett, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Supervising Architect submitting an estimate of increased limit of cost of public building at Minneapolis, Minn.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, bills and resolutions of the following titles were severally reported from committees, delivered to the Clerk, and referred to the several Calendars therein named, as follows:

Mr. BABCOCK, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 6289) to provide for the abatement of nuisance in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, reported the same with amendments, accompanied by a report (No. 47); which said bill and report were referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MONDELL, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House H. R. 1987, reported in lieu thereof a bill (H. R. 8460) providing for the transfer of forest reserves from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture, accompanied by a report (No. 48); which said bill and report were referred to the House Calendar.

#### CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, committees were discharged from the consideration of bills of the following titles; which were thereupon referred as follows:

A bill (H. R. 5538) granting a pension to Jane Elizabeth Bullock—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 5552) granting a pension to Vina Lindenboner—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 5553) granting a pension to Fielding W. Means—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 5554) granting a pension to Columbus N. Brooks—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 5694) granting an increase of pension to Logan O'Banion—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 5917) granting a pension to Perry Abbett—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6127) granting a pension to Louis H. Leland—

Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6128) granting a pension to Birdie M. Wedge—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6129) granting a pension to Edwin M. Raymond—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6338) granting a pension to Antoinette I. Sawyer—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6708) granting a pension to Anne Renssner—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6868) granting an increase of pension to George R. Hansen—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 7449) for the relief of James H. Shannon—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 7601) granting an increase of pension to Eleazar Jones—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 7683) granting an increase of pension to John W. Jennings—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

#### PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. TRIMBLE: A bill (H. R. 8427) for the enlargement of the United States post-office building at Frankfort, Ky.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8428) for the enlargement of the United States post-office building at Lexington, Ky.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. HOPKINS: A bill (H. R. 8429) for the improvement of Kentucky River—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. BRUNDIDGE: A bill (H. R. 8430) to grant certain mineral lands to the State of Arkansas for the benefit of Searcy College—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8431) to amend the laws regulating appeals and writs of error from the circuit court of appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi: A bill (H. R. 8432) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Yazoo City, in the State of Mississippi—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. LAMAR of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 8433) to amend section 17 of an act of Congress approved June 30, 1890, so as to include certain court records and copies thereof in the third class of mail matter—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. PUJO: A bill (H. R. 8434) making appropriation for the repair of the Government road to the national cemetery at Pineville, La.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LAMAR of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 8435) to amend the act of Congress of March 11, 1902, relating to homesteads—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. FRENCH: A bill (H. R. 8436) providing for the establishment of a Government building in the town of Moscow, Idaho—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8437) providing for the establishment of a Government building at the town of Pocatello, Idaho—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8438) providing for the establishment of a Government building at Lewiston, Idaho—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8439) for the appropriation of \$5,350 for paving in the streets adjoining the United States Government building at Boise, Idaho—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: A bill (H. R. 8440) to authorize the readjustment of the accounts of army officers in certain cases, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. COOPER of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 8441) to provide for the erection of a public building at Connellsville, Pa.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. BURLESON: A bill (H. R. 8442) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to gather statistics relating to production of cotton, and raising revenue to defray the expense thereof—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PIERCE: A bill (H. R. 8443) for the purchase of a site

and erecting a public building at Dyersburg, Tenn.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8444) for purchase of site and erection of a public building at Union City, Tenn.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8445) for the purchase of a site and erection of a public building at Trenton, Tenn.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 8446) granting carriers in the rural free-delivery service an annual leave of absence with pay—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. LITTLE (by request): A bill (H. R. 8447) to establish and provide for probate courts in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 8448) to protect the coins of the United States from destruction—to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8449) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Boulder, in the State of Colorado—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. DAVIS of Florida: A bill (H. R. 8450) to authorize the Secretary of War to cause a survey or surveys to be made to determine the practicability and cost of a tide-water ship canal across the State of Florida—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. HINSHAW: A bill (H. R. 8451) for the erection of a public building at York, Nebr.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. WADSWORTH: A bill (H. R. 8452) for the extension of V street, District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: A bill (H. R. 8453) for the extension of Twenty-third street from S street to California avenue—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. McLACHLAN: A bill (H. R. 8454) to authorize the issue of national-bank currency secured by clearing-house certificates of reserve cities and to cause its early retirement—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8455) for the relief of men who enlisted in the United States Army, Navy, or Marines prior to July 1, 1861—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8456) to establish on the coast of the State of California a station for the investigation of problems connected with the marine fishery interests of that region—to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8457) for the erection of a statue of Commodore John D. Sloat in the city of Monterey, Cal.—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8458) amending section 13 of Title I, chapter 1, of the political code of Alaska—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8459) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell, under regulations to be prescribed by him, yucca plants on Government land—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. MONDELL, from the Committee on the Public Lands: A bill (H. R. 8460) providing for the transfer of forest reserves from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture, in lieu of H. R. 1987—to the House Calendar.

By Mr. LEGARE: A concurrent resolution (H. C. Res. 27) authorizing the Secretary of War to furnish the House of Representatives information regarding deeper draft in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. ALLEN: A resolution (H. Res. 111) authorizing the Doorkeeper to appoint three assistants in the document room, at \$1,000 each per annum, and one janitor, at \$720 per annum—to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. FRENCH: Memorial from the Idaho legislature praying for appropriation for locating the boundary line between the States of Idaho and Wyoming—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, memorial from the mayor and city council of Pocatello, relative to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, memorial from the governor and legislature of the State of Idaho, concerning the control and regulation of trusts—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, memorial from the legislature of Idaho, concerning the Priest River Forest Reserve—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, memorial from the Idaho legislature, concerning the rights of owners of live stock—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, memorial from the Idaho legislature, concerning a system of artesian wells in Idaho—to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BENTON: A bill (H. R. 8461) to remove charge of desertion from George H. Dunn—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8462) granting an increase of pension to James Waits—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BOWIE: A bill (H. R. 8463) for the relief of John Codman Soley—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. BRUNDIDGE: A bill (H. R. 8464) granting a pension to Susan T. Bunch—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8465) for the relief of Archie B. Forbess—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8466) for the relief of the heirs of Benjamin F. Ball—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8467) for the relief of William A. Haley—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8468) for the relief of certain occupants and owners of land in Monroe County, Ark.—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8469) granting a pension to Silas R. Harris—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8470) for the relief of the estate of S. I. Evans—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8471) for the relief of the estate of T. H. Goodloe, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8472) for the relief of heirs of A. J. Howard and J. H. Spivey—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8473) to supplement an act of Congress approved February 27, 1899, entitled "An act for the relief of the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry"—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8474) for the relief of J. S. Siddall—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8475) for the relief of John Smith, of Arkansas—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BURNETT: A bill (H. R. 8476) granting a pension to Rolan J. Southerland—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8477) granting a pension to John W. Guest—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8478) granting a pension to John H. Pepper—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8479) granting a pension to J. H. E. Guest—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CASSINGHAM: A bill (H. R. 8480) granting an increase of pension to Elijah Rearick—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DALZELL: A bill (H. R. 8481) granting a pension to Ora Agnes Carter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DENNY: A bill (H. R. 8482) granting an increase of pension to John C. Foos—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DOVENER: A bill (H. R. 8483) granting a pension to William P. Parrill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DOUGHERTY: A bill (H. R. 8484) for the relief of James H. Birch—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8485) granting an increase of pension to Jarvis Hanks—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8486) granting a pension to Jacob A. Leabo—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DWIGHT: A bill (H. R. 8487) for the relief of Aaron B. Galloway—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8488) granting an increase of pension to Jacob Hull—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 8489) for the allowance of certain claims for stores and supplies reported by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the act approved March 3, 1883, and commonly known as the Bowman Act—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: A bill (H. R. 8490) to increase the pension of Isom Wilkerson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: A bill (H. R. 8491) granting an increase of pension to William Hear—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEPBURN: A bill (H. R. 8492) granting an increase of pension to James Elliott—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HINSHAW: A bill (H. R. 8493) granting a pension to H. F. E. Schroer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAMAR of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 8494) to correct the military record of Davis Todd—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LACEY: A bill (H. R. 8495) for the relief of Charles Simmons—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. LAWRENCE: A bill (H. R. 8496) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Howard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROBB: A bill (H. R. 8497) for the relief of Henry Bisch—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. RODENBERG: A bill (H. R. 8498) granting an increase of pension to Jonathan Klingenfus—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McLAIN: A bill (H. R. 8499) granting an increase of pension to E. G. De Lap—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MORGAN: A bill (H. R. 8500) granting a pension to A. P. Wishon—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8501) granting an increase of pension to Wilson Nance—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8502) for the relief of William Abbott—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8503) granting an increase of pension to George W. Schachleiter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8504) to make Lient. Commander Arthur P. Osborn a commander on the retired list—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. MAHON: A bill (H. R. 8505) for the relief of the heirs of Cyrus D. Hottenstein, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8506) for the relief of the legal representatives of Merrick, Merrick & Cope—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. McLACHLAN: A bill (H. R. 8507) to pay John H. Lillie six months' interest coupons, and so forth—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8508) for the relief of Elisha D. W. Shekell—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8509) to authorize the payment of moneys due John J. Gosper—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8510) to amend section 715 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, regulating the compensation and number of criers and bailiffs in the United States courts—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8511) for the relief of Mrs. Louise E. Ord—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8512) to correct the military record of Peter L. Moore—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8513) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of John Sullivan—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8514) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Benjamin L. Gorsuch—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8515) to remove charge of desertion against James Dorsey—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8516) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Charles R. Stevens—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8517) to correct the military record of Henry S. Hill—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8518) to remove charge of desertion from the military record of Charles Williams—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8519) to remove charge of desertion from the military record of John O'Mara—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8520) to remove the charge of desertion now standing against Phillip Hahn—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8521) to correct the military record of George Hare, alias Frank Waters, alias George F. Waters—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8522) for the relief of Sarah A. Cady—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8523) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Robert Fairman—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8524) to remove charge of desertion against Benjamin F. Moore, alias Henry F. Hunt—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8525) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of John G. Falkner—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8526) for the relief of Peter S. Burke—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8527) granting a pension to John Kirk, alias Charles Byrne—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8528) for the relief of Margaret Hayes—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8529) granting a pension to S. A. Merrill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8530) granting a pension to Charles A. Sewall—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8531) granting an increase of pension to Dr. John McCoy—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8532) granting an increase of pension to William W. Herron—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8533) granting an increase of pension to G. K. Glenn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8534) granting a pension to M. A. Durkee—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8535) granting an increase of pension to Ashley A. Youmans—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8536) granting an increase of pension to Lieut. Horace A. Russell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8537) granting an increase of pension to Eleanore C. Ransom—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8538) granting an increase of pension to James R. Scarfe—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8539) granting a pension to John M. Leader—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8540) granting an increase of pension to James F. Cosgro—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8541) granting a pension to Harriett A. Tappan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8542) granting a pension to Annie E. Wallace—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8543) granting an increase of pension to H. L. Carpenter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8544) granting an increase of pension to Samuel W. Bryning—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8545) granting an increase of pension to George H. Phar—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8546) granting an increase of pension to Adam L. Bourquin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8547) granting a pension to Henry Hinckley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8548) granting a pension to Edwin R. Fox—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8549) granting an increase of pension to William Lomsberry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8550) granting a pension to Lucie Place—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8551) for the relief of Lucy M. Cleveland—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8552) granting an increase of pension to Robert Hendry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8553) granting an increase of pension to Annie C. Fletcher—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8554) granting an increase of pension to J. M. Kiehl—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8555) granting a pension to Dr. H. H. Maynard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8556) granting an increase of pension to James H. Prettyman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8557) granting a pension to Mary E. Dean—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8558) granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Edmonds—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8559) granting an increase of pension to Stephen B. Yeoman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8560) granting a pension to William A. P. Fellows—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8561) granting a pension to Charles E. Colton—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8562) granting an increase of pension to Daniel M. Shepherd—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8563) granting a pension to Reuben Barnhart—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8564) granting an increase of pension to Mary M. Price—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8565) granting an increase of pension to James Wesley Brooks—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8566) granting an increase of pension to John H. Volkmer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8567) granting a pension to Eliza C. Laycock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8568) granting an increase of pension to Henry C. Small—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8569) granting a pension to Harriet E. Carr—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8570) granting an increase of pension to S. A. Rickey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8571) granting an increase of pension to James Green—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8572) granting an increase of pension to William Hall—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8573) granting an increase of pension to John Dick—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8574) granting an increase of pension to Edward M. Heaton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8575) granting an increase of pension to John Tanner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8576) granting an increase of pension to Mary (Fox) Everett—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8577) granting an increase of pension to James Ferguson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8578) granting an increase of pension to Benjamin C. Harter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8579) granting an increase of pension to Franklin De R. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8580) granting an increase of pension to Albert E. Meigs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8581) granting an increase of pension to Albert W. Birkbeck—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8582) granting an increase of pension to John J. Overton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8583) granting a pension to Catharine L. Edgar—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8584) granting a pension to Benjamin Eaton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8585) granting an increase of pension to Charles Clark—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8586) granting a pension to Samuel Vance Conner—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8587) granting an increase of pension to Charles M. Wells—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8588) granting a pension to Samuel M. Doolittle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8589) granting an increase of pension to Emmer Bowen—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8590) granting a pension to Anna McNamara—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8591) granting a pension to Henry J. Ackley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8592) granting an increase of pension to Susan A. Volkmar—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8593) granting a pension to Louise G. Orr—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8594) granting an increase of pension to John A. Lennon—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8595) granting an increase of pension to John W. Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8596) granting an increase of pension to Isaac D. Stine—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8597) granting an increase of pension to James H. Whitney—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8598) for the relief of Estaloe H. Bailey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8599) granting an increase of pension to Henrietta J. Hazel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8600) granting a pension to O. P. Warner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8601) granting an increase of pension to Dotha J. Whipple—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8602) granting a pension to Zenobia Bueb—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8603) granting a pension to Charles W. Landree—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8604) granting a pension to Samuel Ackroyd—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8605) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Bunford—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8606) granting a pension to Allen Neighbors—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8607) granting an increase of pension to Charles Charnock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8608) granting an increase of pension to Theodore Kluge—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8609) granting an increase of pension to Samuel W. Bryning—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8610) granting an increase of pension to Edward F. Charnock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8611) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. De Motte—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8612) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Oliver M. Shaw—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8613) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Julius Bosley—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8614) granting an increase of pension to Susan Hall Barry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8615) granting a pension to John Maybohm—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8616) granting a pension to John C. Culp—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8617) granting an increase of pension to Chester M. Thwing—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8618) granting an increase of pension to Howard S. Abbott—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8619) granting an increase of pension to James Sherwood—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8620) granting an increase of pension to Celia M. Viven—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8621) granting an increase of pension to Clemens Schmitz—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8622) granting a pension to Almira Reynolds—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8623) granting an increase of pension to Charles T. Clark—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8624) granting an increase of pension to John L. Beveridge—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8625) granting an increase of pension to Neeta H. Marquis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8626) granting an increase of pension to Rose Rossiter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8627) granting a pension to Hannah Kelly—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8628) granting an increase of pension to Edward Fitzgerald—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8629) granting a pension to Amelia Noell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8630) granting a pension to Anna R. A. Milner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8631) granting an increase of pension to John W. Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8632) granting an increase of pension to Isaac Kinley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8633) for the relief of Elizabeth Adams—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8634) granting an increase of pension to John F. Detwiler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8635) granting a pension to Matilda S. Lawler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MURDOCK: A bill (H. R. 8636) for the relief of Norman C. Webster—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8637) granting an increase of pension to Sylvester T. Jones—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 8638) granting an increase of pension to Walter S. Wikoff—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8639) granting a pension to Mary E. Kellerman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8640) granting an increase of pension to Diana D. Howard—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8641) granting an increase of pension to Michael McKenzie—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8642) for the relief of Mary Nolan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8643) for the relief of John Wilkes Moore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8644) granting a pension to James R. Hicks—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: A bill (H. R. 8645) for the relief of Mrs. M. L. Baker—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8646) for the relief of George W. Guyer—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 8647) granting an increase of pension to Abner T. Rollins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8648) granting a pension to Shadrach D. Bardin—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SIMS: A bill (H. R. 8649) granting a pension to William B. Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8650) granting a pension to Hannah Gage—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8651) for the relief of the estate of John H. Grimes, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH: A bill (H. R. 8652) granting a pension to William Anderson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SWANSON: A bill (H. R. 8653) for relief of T. J. Coleman—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8654) for the relief of Charles L. Boone—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8655) granting a pension to Jane Townsend—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8656) granting a pension to Christina Wilson—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8657) for the relief of the estate William M. Hodges, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8658) for the relief of R. C. Payne—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8659) for the relief of William A. Brown and Frederick R. Brown and John R. Brown, surviving partner of himself and Frederick R. Brown—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TALBOTT: A bill (H. R. 8660) for the relief of the heirs of Edmund Wolf—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. WOODYARD: A bill (H. R. 8661) granting an increase of pension to Samuel F. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8662) granting a pension to Elijah Sullivan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER: Memorial of Central Lodge, No. 128, O. D. H. S., and 56 other lodges and clubs of German-Americans, protesting against the passage of bills known as the Hepburn and Dolliver bills—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENTON: Petition of Cameron Garrett Post, No. 115, Grand Army of the Republic, Carl Junction, Mo., in favor of a service-pension law—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to James Walts—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. CALDERHEAD: Petition of business men of Mound Valley, Kans., protesting against the parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, papers from the National Fraternal Congress, of Flint, Mich., protesting against the passage of Senate bill 1261—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. DAVIS of Minnesota: Resolution of John A. Rawlins Post, No. 126, Department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, favoring the passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, protest of citizens of Minnesota against the passage of the parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. DRISCOLL: Petition of Lilly Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Syracuse, N. Y., for a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Otis H. Tillinghast Post, No. 548, Morrisville, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, urging the passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Italian-American Republican Club, of Syracuse, N. Y., protesting against a restriction of immigration—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. DOUGHERTY: Petition of Lorenzo Cooper Post, No. 81, and others, of Lathrop, Mo., Grand Army of the Republic, for the relief of Jacob A. Leabo—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DOVENER: Affidavits in support of bill to pension William P. Parrill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of old soldiers and Grand Army of the Republic of West Virginia, in support of H. R. 2972—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DWIGHT: Petition of citizens of Dryden, N. Y., favoring the passage of the Hepburn interstate liquor law—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRENCH: Petitions of citizens of Idaho and Washington against repeal of stone and timber act—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Petitions of J. R. T. Gordon Post, No. 201, Grand Army of the Republic, of Haney's Corner, Ind., and of McKeehan Post, No. 36, Grand Army of the Republic, of North Vernon, Ind., in favor of a service-pension law—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HITT: Petition of Gust. Swanson, of Rockford, Ill., urging the passage of the McCumber bill—to the Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic.

By Mr. LACEY: Petition of Charles Simmons for allowance of claim—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, petition of citizens of Baxter, Iowa, in favor of the Hepburn bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LLOYD: Remonstrance of business men of Queen City, Mo., against the passage of the parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. RYAN: Memorial of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, against the passage of bill H. R. 3573—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: Letters and papers relating to the claim of Shadrach D. Bardin, for a pension—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, letter to accompany claim of Abner T. Rollins, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany the bill for the relief of Mrs. M. L. Baker—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 6203, granting a pension to William R. Barrett—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

## SENATE.

MONDAY, January 4, 1904.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D. D.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday, December 19, 1903, when, on request of Mr. PENROSE, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal will stand approved, if there be no objection.

### ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a general staff report relating to the issue of obsolete ordnance and ordnance stores for the use of State and Territorial educational institutions, etc.; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

### FORT PECK RESERVATION, MONT.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, relative to the Indians of the Fort Peck Reservation, Mont., concerning the division of their reservation into town lots, etc.; which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

### HARBOR OF MANILA.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a joint communication from the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a letter from the Joint Army and Navy Board, relative to the defense of the harbor of Manila and the proposed naval station at Subig Bay; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

### REPORT ON THE CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the annual report of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Library of Congress, for the year ended June 30, 1903; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

### ACCEPTANCE OF DECORATIONS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, requesting that certain officers of the United States Army may receive decorations bestowed on them by the Chinese Government; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, requesting, pursuant to law, authority to deliver to officers of the United States, civil, naval, and military, certain decorations bestowed upon them by foreign governments and rulers; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

### RENTAL OF BUILDINGS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 17th ultimo, a statement of the quarters and buildings rented by that Department in the District of Columbia and the various States and Territories, and the annual rental paid in each case; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 17th ultimo, certain information relative to the buildings rented throughout the United States by the Department of Justice; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Com-

mittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 17th ultimo, a statement of the quarters and buildings rented by the government of the District of Columbia, and the annual rental paid in each case; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Civil Service Commission, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 17th ultimo, certain information relative to the buildings rented throughout the United States by the Civil Service Commission; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

### VESSEL BRIG PILGRIM.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting the conclusions of fact and of law filed under the act of January 20, 1885, in the French spoliation claims set out in the findings by the court relating to the vessel brig *Pilgrim*, John Thissel, master; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

### FINDINGS OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the cause of Raleigh Sherman, administrator of Isaac Hollingsworth, deceased, devisee under the will of Harriet B. Hollingsworth, deceased, v. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the cause of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Hays, sole heir of Mary A. Walker, deceased, v. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the cause of Edmund McKenna, administrator of Jackson Foster, deceased, v. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

### REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

Mr. LODGE. Mr. President, I desire to give notice that tomorrow morning, immediately after the routine business, with the permission of the Senate, I shall ask leave to make some remarks in regard to the pending resolution relating to the Republic of Panama.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore presented memorials of Blucher Lodge, No. 25, of Colchester; of Germania Lodge, No. 11, of Norwich; of Teutonic Lodge, No. 9, of Hartford; of Eichenkranz Lodge, No. 21, of Thompsonville; of Admiral Schley Lodge, No. 32, of New Britain; of Harmonia Lodge, No. 1, of Meriden; of Lessing Lodge, No. 5, of Seymour, and of the Socialer Turner Society, of New Britain, all in the State of Connecticut; of Teutonia Lodge, No. 1, of Cullman; of the Concordia Society, of Birmingham; of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, Branch No. 199, of Bessemer; of the German Association of Cullman; of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, Branch No. 128, of Blocton, and of the Kruger Verein of Cullman, all in the State of Alabama; of the Wilhelm Circle, of Springfield; of Local Union No. 45, of Springfield; of the St. Ignatius Society, of Chillicothe; of Walhalla Division, No. 1, of Toledo; of Germania Lodge, No. 135, of Portsmouth; of the German Pioneer Society of Toledo; of the Germania Lodge, No. 12, of Toledo; of the Bavarian Benevolent Society of Springfield; of Harugari Lodge, No. 666, of Toledo, and of the Bavarian National Society of Springfield, all in the State of Ohio; of the Schiller Society, of Springfield; of Lodge No. 115, of Dessau; of the Gesang Verein of York Creek; of the Uhlend Lodge, of Dallas; of the Singing Club of Frohsinn; of Casper Real Lodge, No. 104, of Cranes Mill; of the Casino Association, of Cibola Valley; of the Sons of Hermann of Lavernia; of Lodge No. 197, of Clifton; of Anton Wenzel Lodge, No. 174, of San Antonio; of Lodge No. 187, of Cleburne; of Lodge No. 3, of Taylor; of the Sons of Hermann of Needville and Flatonia; of Lodge No. 206, of Cypress Top; of Sedan Lodge, No. 123, of Raisin; of the Agricultural Society of Cat Spring; of Fernando Lodge, No. 71, of Castroville; of